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Alford Repeats Radio Swan Charge, Gives Source

United States Representative of an article about Maj. Gen. Dale Alford, of Little Rock has repeated his accusations about the ownership and activities of Radio Swan, in the Caribbean Sea, all previously denied by the station.

This time for the first time Dr. Alford gave a name and the source of his information.

Alford repeated his charges in a speech made last Sunday over Radio Station KLRA at Little Rock, the text of which was printed in the Congressional Record of Tuesday, received yesterday at Little Rock.

The speech was another oblique attack on the memorandum issued by Senator J. William Fulbright (Dem., Ark.) about the political activity of high-ranking military men. It consisted mostly

of an article about Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker, who is currently in trouble with his superiors, and a defense of Walker by Alford.

The article about Walker, Alford said, was contained in release No. 18 issued by the Patrick Henry League of Yonkers N. Y., and he read it in full. The article reviewed Walker's troubles in Europe which were precipitated by charges against him made by a newspaper called the Overseas Weekly.

League Report

About the Overseas Weekly, the Patrick Henry League reported and Alford repeated, "Parent publishing firm for Overseas Weekly is the International Media Co. (IMC). An IMC director, Gene

Bernald, is a participating operator of a radio station in the Caribbean, radio SWAN, which aided in the failure of the recent Cuban invasion by mysterious failure to broadcast a pre-arranged signal to Cuban freedom fighters."

In his previous charges about Radio Swan, in July and August, Alford had said that it was the station "that notified Castro that the freedom fighters were coming."

When informed of the Alford statements on August 23, the Gibraltar Steamship Corporation, owner of the station, denied the charges and thought them incredible, possibly because Swan had been confused with some other station.

Another query was directed to

Gibraltar Steamship last night over the wires of the Associated Press, relating the congressman's newest charge and asking for comment.

Alford did not identify the Patrick Henry League in his speech.

The radio station is in the Swan Islands, two tiny islands owned by the United States in the Caribbean Sea, between Honduras and Cuba.